

# Band Parents Association



Bridgewater Raritan Band Parents' Association

General Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2019

Membership update: approximately 47% total, two more joined since last time. Mostly flat to previous year at this time. There is also a breakdown available by ensemble and by graduation year.

Minutes are not yet posted but will be soon. Motion to approve Feb. minutes was initiated by Jill Brochinsky and seconded by Joe Rooney.

Director's Update: Last week's Jazz Prelims were very smooth, stage crew was available for the entire evening. Upcoming event is next Thursday, CJMEA ensembles: need volunteers beginning at 3:30PM, we start at with Symphonic Band at 4PM and then close as the last band (Wind Ensemble) at 9PM.

Orchestra Winds is April 5-7 to Boston, mostly Wind Ensemble upperclass members. After school this week is Wind Ensemble auditions. New guideline set by guidance department is earlier than in previous years. There have been 44 auditions, and a good selection of freshmen trying out. We have not yet decided on the March 31<sup>st</sup> guard show but looking for updates shortly. Festival of the Arts is March 28<sup>th</sup>, we are looking for a presence but only sales of water. Ms. Craig (Supervisor of the Arts Department) announced that there will be a digital program rather than a physical one. Within the next week there will be links to the District website and publicized through Eblasts and other types of emails. Choir will be sending the link out as well, hoping that Band is able to share. The PDF of the program will be available to be downloaded but not physically present at the event. Suggestions that there may be a QR code available and/or an announcement. The reason to try this is that this particular event is fully MC'd. Suggestions were made for some logistics-based posters as well.

Nominating Committee this year will consist of: Patti Abella, Ann Mailhot, Jitendra Nemlekar, Laura Pardo, Alison Sentie (board member, non-returning).

Positions to be filled this year: President / Co – Presidents, Vice President, Co- Treasurer, and Recording Secretary

Program Updates and Events: Previously mentioned Wind Ensemble auditions and a sign-up went out for the CJMEA next week.

New Fundraisers: Scrip program is ongoing, there will be a push to re-publicize. The Barnes & Noble Fundraiser will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>, Krishma Patel & Casey Walsh co-chairs. Waiting for posters to come in, 5:30PM to 9PM. There will be a signup in the band room, and emails will be sent to Middle School to have the teachers announce and have them sign up. Also do an eblast. The event will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> but the proceeds will be there for anyone who purchases within 5 days and mentions the band. The

method of cash-out is gift cards ONLY for any amount under \$1500 in total. Café sales also count towards the total. Can be publicized with Easter and Mother's Day. Online can be triggered using a code. All that is needed is a mention, not a flyer.

Alex and Ani is on April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bridgewater Commons mall. Between 1PM and 3PM, we get 15% of all sales, regardless of origin or mention of the band. We also have a table at that time.

Blaze & TGIF are still waiting for totals.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Clothing Drive, will be held in the solar panel lot.

Band Banquet: Maggianos, family style, will be held on May 28th.